(d) what steps have been taken so that such an incident is not repeated in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Flight CD-7278 (Kolkata-Hyderabad-Bhubaneswar) on 22.5.2001 was not overbooked. However, on 19.5.2001, this flight was overbooked by 7 seates i.e. 4 from Kolkata and 3 from Bhubaneswar. As such, certain passengers were denied boarding initially. But on arrival of the aircraft, the staff on leave were off loaded and the confirmed passengers were accepted. Concerned Indian Airlines officials at Kolkata and Bhubaneswar have been suitably reprimanded.

Enquiry Report of Patna Air Crash

174. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of enquiry headed by Air Marshal P. Rajkumar instituted to go into the crash of Alliance Air Boeing at Patna which killed all the six crew members and 54 others about a year ago;

(b) if so, the major recommendations made in the enquiry report and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that as reported, deficiencies in pilot training were the major cause contributing to the human error element in the crash; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to adopt more rigorous training programme for the pilots?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The report, alongwith recommendations made in the inquiry report, has been placed in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d) The report indicated loss of control of the aircraft due to human error as the cause of the accident and, *inter-alia*, recommended review of pilot training by Alliance Air. Alliance Air reviewed the training accordingly, and took necessary action,

including for amendment of the training curriculum of pilots in Alliance Air, as per the recommendations of the Committee.

Utilisation of Air Strips as Godown by F.C.I.

†175. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air strips lying idle at different places in the country are being used as godown for foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the non-utilisation of these air strips?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no airstrip belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI) that is being used as godown by Food Corporation of India. However, there are large number of non-AAI airports which are lying unutilised because no airlines has indicated plans for operation to/from these airports.

Development of Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam Airports

176. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plans to develop the Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam Airports during the current year; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken for better and quicker passenger facilitation in the airport for satisfaction of customer?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Improvement of passenger facilities is a continuous process keeping in view demand and availability of resources. The details of plans approved for development works of Hyderabad airport during the current year are as follows:—

Strengthening and extension of existing runway from 9080 ft. to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.